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ACTION BY THE WATER AND SEWER BOARD.

The president of the Water and Sewer Board (Mr. T. W. Koole) stated yesterday in view of the continuance of the dry weather and the necessity of conserving the stock in Prospect Reservoir, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has decided to restrict the water supply to consumers as follows:

1.—By appealing to consumers to conserve the water from all domestic and business services. Should such be detected after certain measures will be taken to prevent same by the exercise of the powers

which the board is vested under the Act.

2.—Until further notice the use of sprays and other mechanical spraying devices is prohibited. The board regrets the necessity for taking this action, but it is a hardship, in the present circumstances, to permit the use of such devices in the household.

3.—The water supply to the municipal council of Sydney and suburbs, and to the water authorities, for watering streets and tramlines, will be reduced 50 per cent.

The board trusts that it will not be necessary to proceed to any further restrictive measures. Rain is hoped to come shortly, and as such quantities as to provide sufficient water to enable even the restrictions now considered necessary to be removed. If, however, the

weather continues, then further repairs measures will have to be taken. During the war the river was raised by bese, and other means. The board hopes, however, the measures to be taken to prevent it will cause a very great saving in the water.

"Personally," continued Mr. Keole, "I not the slightest doubt that the savings be so great that it will not be necessary to use very much more. At present the river is discharging about 100,000 cubic feet of water every minute, or about seven millions of gallons per day, and Neopan 14 millions; but this flow had reached Prospect by 9 o'clock this morning. The water was then flowing into the reservoir at a little over nine millions of gallons per day, and seeing that the flow is increasing, and has been increased, I expect that tomorrow's report will show that the river is

The president concluded by saying that in former times of difficulty the public have willingly responded to an appeal such as is now being made, and he anticipates an equally ready compliance with the wishes of the board on this occasion. Should such be the case, the trouble may be overcome with real inconvenience to the consumer, and quickly, than otherwise may be experienced.

OYSTER LEASES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS.

AN EMPHATIC PROTEST.

Dr. R. Arthur, M.L.A., introduced a resolution to the Chief Secretary yesterday respecting the alienation of foreshore oyster leases at Pittwater. The case was succinctly put by the introducer, Messrs. T. A. Dibbs, J. T. Swanson, F. S. Trevor Jones, and J. B. Nicol. It was explained that there were two oyster banks at Pittwater near Sydney, and one of the chief attractions was the ease of access to the water's edge, its yachting area, and the fishing spots. The local people were distressed at finding that application had been made for oyster leases all round Pittwater, near the bathing centre and the oyster holiday population, so much the public had had a very nice settlement had taken place.

the State. To take away these for-
feitures was, it was urged, an unnecessary
recurrence for proceeding. The small amount
of revenue derivable from the leases was
not to be worth considering. The leases were
not being made right to erect poles and
taining valves, which would restrict the
tion, and they had already ordered the
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that five of the leases, at least, should be
fused, notably, McCarr's, Greek Island,
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Rothwell. The 18,500 yards of leases
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Mr. Arthur Chase pointed out that the public of the proposed leases was the trust of Mr. D. Dibbs pointed out that the ring-along Chase trustees and the Fish Board had overlapping control of the shores of the park. At Coal and Creek a few years ago all the oysters were cleaned out by someone's authority.

Mr. Trevor Jones said that he did not know anything relating to leases, but was open for existing leases to give the much trouble if they accidentally trespassed on the leases or disturbed the oysters.

Dr. Arthur Chase: Can the people who own the public of the foreshores be punished for doing so?

T. Swanson said that the Fish Board had an inspection of the leases recently, but did not let the objectors

they were coming.

Mr. Hogue, in reply, said he would express any opinion as to whether or not the people on the lease could be punished, but he had no legal right to do so. The Fisheries Board was charged with the administration of the Act, and he had been prepared to grant the leases on recommendation, but when Mr. James Chalmers made his application for leases came before him he was forced to consider the question of their issue. Still he heard more from the people most concerned. He had to ease the oyster industry on the one hand and the settlement of the people was not regarded on the other. People could not be given a right to wander all over the place when they were granted the lease. He would not, so he thought, Mr. C.

was an enterprising man, who had made a life-long study of oyster culture, and it was his duty to give him encouragement at the same time the granting of the leases gave the lessees the right to warn him off. He would meet the objections to granting the leases at the Basin and wharf, and the Orange and Chase, and would consider of but the majority of the leases did not interfere with the public enjoyment, and should be granted.

MAINTENANCE MEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR—Some weeks ago an article appeared in your journal on the position, stating that the maintenance staff of men are to be disposed of by the end of the year. The article reads thus:—

The Streets Act and Maintenance Men.—In view of an inquiry as to the position of maintenance men, the consequence of the closing of the Municipal Councils, the Public Works Department has stated that employees are temporary labourers, employed as long as they are required for the repair of the roads. When any road is completed, the control of the roads is transferred to the shire councils. Their employment by the department then, of course, ceases entirely, and the question of their employment will be a matter for the shire councils.

That answer to a question gave occasion only. Is it not a fact that those men employed to a fortnight's remuneration for

year of service in training and a bonus of 100,000 baht was awarded to their country and King. It is a very harsh separation between a servant and those he may object to comply and give those men that they have been looking forward to receive their discharge or resignation, so that there was nothing to be gained. He had to perform from the code of which was laid down for their guidance any men ever were entitled to receive and compensate all will agree those men should have done their work faithfully under ever-vigilant eye of the field officers and the Minister for the Interior, for themselves and the department. There be no doubt but the Minister for Work

taken action in the matter to do those
 fair justice. I am, etc.,
 H. G. M. VAN

STOMACH TROUBLES ENDED
BILE BEANS GAIN GREAT PRAISE

The stomach is a very important organ, and when in a disordered condition, a multitude of ailments are the result. No other part of the body is taxed to such an extent as the stomach, which is only natural that occasion arises when it calls for some assistance in performing its heavy duties allotted to it. Bile Beans furnish this assistance, and enable the stomach to perform its functions properly.

M. E. Neville, of 52 Addison-road, Manly, Sydney, has proved this, and write with much pleasure in testifying to the merits of Bile Beans. I suffered with terrible pain in my side and stomach, for which I several times called on my doctor, but to no relief. A friend recommended Bile Beans, and I presented me with a few to try. They tried, and gained almost instant relief. encouraged, I purchased a further supply after taking four doses the pains left me entirely, and I have had no return of the trouble. I can with confidence recommend Bile Beans to anyone similarly afflicted. Bile Beans are the best family medicine, and obtainable from all medicine vendors at 1/6 or 2s 2d large family box.—Advt.

GAMBLING.

RACECOURSE, SHOP, AND STREET

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explained in a former article. Little was known of the names of the horses at the time of the first sale, and the names were not placed in the city 14 years ago. It has been feared that one result of shop watering would be to educate the present generation into shop watering. It is contended that if these names had never been in existence the knowledge of shop watering would not have been gained. Some of the children, while they could not tell the names of the horses in the Commonwealth, could never fail to tell the names of the best racehorses of the day. Some of the children could be met in some of these establishments scanning the odds and talking like men who had been for years the turf for years. It must be admitted, however, that in the better class of shops, the children are not with the children. Still, there was nothing to prevent the children from going into a shop and listening to the

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years ago the first attack was made on the valley. The second raid took place only 11 months later. 25 men being secured. This time and last visit to the premises occurred on the 11th of May. It was a surprise raid, no forewarn was given. There were 150 men in the building. Operations were continued for two months, but the proprietors saw that the other side was not prepared to suppress the place, and closed the establishment.

MIXED PATRONS

The devotees of the game range from the "rabbit OG" man to members of the legal and official professions. A few M.I.A. have also been frequenting the "schools." A policeman who is not paying his wages is also present. It would not fail to be impressed by seeing a doctor or a barrister mingling with dealers a card game. It would not be surprising to find a man who would not dream of playing a card game in a public place.

they are, sitting side by side equally at ease on the game. Two-up levels everything and the players are in the room. To what can be attributed this strange condition of affairs? Is it the generally recognised fairness of the game, or the fascination it is undoubtedly something of both.

THE PROFITS.

Large sums of money have been won in the past, perhaps in a few hours. Two-up at the top is a game in which a few shillings can be lost in a moment, and a few hundred at the most can be lost in an evening. If such were the case the establishment would not have been open for any length of time. The expenses are very large. In the case of the Engine-street "school," a stand-up man was employed to watch the police

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